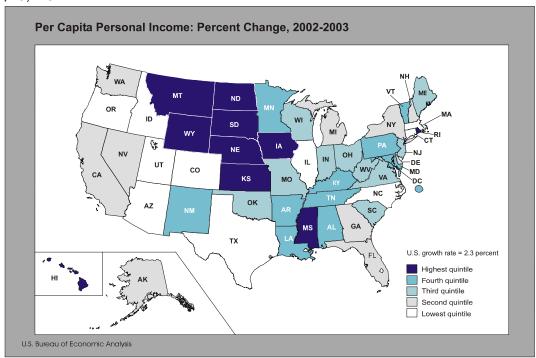


## **AVERAGE INCOME GROWTH IMPROVED IN 2003**

State Per Capita Personal Income

Per capita income—the average income received by persons—grew 2.3 percent in 2003—slower than the growth rates during most of the 1990s, but nearly double the growth rate of 2002, according to estimates released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. The pickup was widespread as 44 states grew faster in 2003 than in 2002. Connecticut led the nation with an average income of \$43.173.



2003 Per Capita Income Levels and Ranks

State	Level	Rank	State	Level	Rank	State	Level	Rank
Alabama	\$26,338	40	Kentucky	\$26,252	41	North Dakota	\$29,204	32
Alaska	33,568	12	Louisiana	26,100	43	Ohio	29,944	25
Arizona	26,838	38	Maine	28,831	34	Oklahoma	26,656	39
Arkansas	24,289	49	Maryland	37,331	4	Oregon	29,340	29
California	33,749	9	Massachusetts	39,815	3	Pennsylvania	31,998	16
Colorado	34,283	8	Michigan	30,439	24	Rhode Island	31,916	17
Connecticut	43,173	1	Minnesota	34,443	7	South Carolina	26,132	42
Delaware	32,810	14	Mississippi	23,448	50	South Dakota	29,234	31
D.C.	48,342		Missouri	29,252	30	Tennessee	28,455	36
Florida	30,446	23	Montana	25,920	44	Texas	29,372	28
Georgia	29,442	27	Nebraska	30,758	21	Utah	24,977	47
Hawaii	30,913	19	Nevada	31,266	18	Vermont	30,740	22
Idaho	25,911	45	New Hampshire	34,702	6	Virginia	33,671	11
Illinois	33,690	10	New Jersey	40,427	2	Washington	33,332	13
Indiana	28,783	35	New Mexico	25,541	46	West Virginia	24,379	48
Iowa	29,043	33	New York	36,574	5	Wisconsin	30,898	20
Kansas	29,935	26	North Carolina	28,235	37	Wyoming	32,808	15

BEA's data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on its Web site: <www.bea.gov>.

NOTE: Per capita income is total personal income divided by total resident population. Population estimates are as of July 1 of a given year and are Census Bureau estimates. Income estimates for metropolitan areas and counties will be released by BEA on May 25, 2004.

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